

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TRAIN ACCIDENTS DUE TO SECURITY LAPSE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether shortage of security staff is the reason for lapses in security checks as has been reported in 'Dainik Jagaran' dated February 24, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard;
- (c) the details of the train accidents occurred in the country due to the security lapses during the last three years and current year;
- (d) whether any concrete steps has been taken in the wake of recent bomb blast in the 'Samjhauta Express' including to set up reservation/booking centres alongwith the other facilities for the passengers coming from Pakistan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): No, Sir. No such train accident has occurred due to security lapses during the last three years and in the current year.
- (d) & (e): The following preventive measures are being taken in the wake of recent bomb blast in the Samjhauta Express :-
 - # The rake of the above train is being checked before drawing the same to the platforms and escorted from yards to the platforms.
 - # Only Sleeper Class Reserved coaches which are connected by vestibules are now being provided.
 - # Only those Passengers are permitted to travel who have a valid Passport, Visa and Railway ticket for Pakistan only.
 - # Passengers are allowed to carry two pieces of luggage weighing maximum 35 kgs with them. Extra luggage, if any, is being booked in the luggage van after security check.
 - # 02 Railway Protection Force escorting staff per coach are being provided.
 - # Frisking of all passengers and manual checking of their luggage has been introduced.
 - # Sniffer dogs are being deployed for checking of empty rakes of the above trains at platforms from where the trains start.
 - # Installation of Close Circuit Televisions.
 - # Provision of modern security gadgets like Hand Held Metal Detectors, Door Frame Metal Detectors etc. to strengthen access control at entry / exit points.
 - # Stickers are being pasted on the luggage of the passengers mentioning coach and berth numbers, after the security check.
- As regards setting up of reservation / booking centers, a Computerized Passenger Reservation System (PRS) has been commissioned at Attari Railway station. Reservation in 4001/4002 Link Express is being done through PRS from Allahabad, Kanpur, Aligarh, Lucknow, Moradabad, Saharanpur, Delhi and Amritsar.